



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ENGINEERING DIVISION MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 1991
TO: Senior Engineering Managers
Supervising A/Q Engineers
All Processing Engineers
FROM: Nick Nikkila, Director of Engineering /s/ Nick
SUBJECT: Rescission of 11/4/87 Risk Assessment Policy

The above referenced policy was intended to guide this Division's review of carcinogenic compound emissions prior to the adoption of Rule 1401. The Governing Board has now adopted Rule 1401, and a subsequent amendment, which addresses specific pollutants applicable for toxics review as of specified dates.

In light of this, the policy is no longer appropriate and is herein rescinded. As a result of this rescission, we may find that some active applications which were filed prior to the adoption of Rule 1401 may escape permit requirements to reduce toxic emissions. Keep in mind however, that Rule 212 would still require applications to undergo a risk assessment and, if the risk is greater than 1×10^{-6} , the public must be notified at least 30 days in advance of the issuance of that permit. Rule 212 addresses many more toxic compounds than does Rule 1401. In at least one instance recently, I have been informed that the applicant would prefer to reduce the toxic emissions rather than have such a public notice be issued.

Of course all applications will have to be reviewed for compliance with CEQA and, if any significant adverse environmental effects are identified, they will have to be mitigated to the extent feasible. The District has CEQA guidelines which are currently in the process of being updated. As soon as that updating process has been completed, supplementary guidance will be provided to you.

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THIS MEMO NO LONGER APPLIES